Information Reporting Program (IRP) Webpage Drop in Article

In March 2002, taxpayers and tax practitioners will have easier access to publications and forms for processing information returns. That's when the Information Reporting Program (*IRP*) Webpage will make its debut.

Electronic, paper and magnetic media filers will all be served by the new webpage. It will keep taxpayers and practitioners up to date on information reporting requirements and other current issues. You can access the Information Reporting Program by clicking on IRP Webpage. With the new webpage, the IRS hopes to encourage paper and magnetic media filers to file their information returns electronically.

The benefits of electronically filing information returns (*Forms 1098, 1099, W-2G, 1042-S, 5498, and 8027*) are many:

- Electronic filing is cost effective and easier than filing on paper or magnetic media
- Paperless, no Form 4804 requirements
- Later due dates for electronically filed Forms 1098, 1099, and W-2G
- Electronic filers receive results within two workdays regarding the acceptability of the data transmitted (excludes Forms 1042-S, 8027, and QWF)

Note: It is the filer's responsibility to dial back in and check results. Taxpayers and tax practitioners will have the option of securing information return forms and publications through the IRP webpage for **all** types of filers (*Electronic, Magnetic Media, or Paper*). Taxpayers and tax practitioners can access the IRP webpage from the irs.gov Small Business/Self Employed (SB/SE) homepage @ SBSE Home Page.

Direct links to the IRP Webpage will also be available for taxpayers and tax practitioners from other IRS.gov webpages: Tax-Exempt/Government Entities - <u>TEGE</u>; Wage and Investment - <u>W&I</u>; Large and Mid Size Businesses - <u>LMSB</u>; and the <u>Tax Professional's Page</u>.

For more information regarding information returns, contact the Information Reporting Program Customer Service Section toll free at 1-866-455-7438 or non-toll free at (304) 263-8700, Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time or e-mail them at mccirp@irs.gov. Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (*TDD*) may be reached non-toll free at (304) 267-3367.